

**Observer:** Sue Calder

**Aldermen Present:** Braithwaite, chr ; Rue Simons, Suffredin, Rainey, and Fleming.

**Staff Present:** Stoneback, Bobkiewitz, Stoile, Farrer, Flax, Voss, Diez, and about 8 others.

**Media Present:** Now, Roundtable.

**No. Of Citizens in Attendance:** Revelle was also in attendance.

**Meeting Began:** 6:07pm

**Meeting Ended:** 6:35pm

Approved for Action: (All passed.)

- Payroll (\$2,787,932,.84) and bills (\$3,779,388.33 and credit card activity of \$210,457.95). Suffredin announced that he would recuse himself today and ever after as he represents Amazon in Springfield. Rainey wants to see itemized bills, not just a \$225 credit card charge, but what it was for. Stoile said that would be accommodated in the future.

For Introduction (all approved):

- Upgrades to the parking garage at the library for \$198,000. Confusion on who owns the garage: Library pays the bonds for the libraries and will supervise the garage renovations; City owns the Main and North branches and collects the income from the parkers.
- Solar panel will be installed at the Levy Ctr. for \$62,700
- Change order to the renovations at Fleetwood -Jourdain for HVAC at \$18,700. Staff are working to accommodate the 50<sup>th</sup> year-long celebration of FAM, thus the extension of the contract included another year. Rue Simmons asked why this was a sole source bid; staff replied they had sent out about 60 RFPs and advertised public newspapers, but only one replied (the current contractor). They called some who said this was a busy "bidding season"; they also will work on simplifying the bidding process. Staff will check to see if the bid is in compliance with the MWBE requirements.
- Approved the transition to five pay stations for Sherman Ave. (these are like what is in the library). The meters on Sherman get heavy use and the batteries wear out and can only be replaced by the dealer. Use of credit cards impacts the battery life. The pay station units are stronger, customers can use coins, credit card, a mobile app and will cost the City less for the credit card transactions.
- Renew the line of credit of \$7.2 million with First Bank and Trust for use for several TIF districts.
- Execute an easement agreement with NU for utility easements (fiber optic cables for NU buildings) at four locations for 20 years. NU will fund the project.
- Accept up to \$75,000 (to be used within two years) from IHDA to address property maintenance issues at vacant and abandoned properties. This is the second such grant. Some properties will be demolished after the paper trail of back taxes, penalties, and ownership is established.
- Target will rent 26 spaces on the third floor in the Sherman Plaza parking garage. Use is free for the first hour and there will be a direct access to Target from the third floor.

- Decrease the number of Class D liquor licenses by one since Bistro Bordeaux is no longer in business. (For introduction and action.)